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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to  
3 learn of the death of Suzy Yehl Marta of Palatine; and

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WHEREAS, Suzy Marta was the founder of Rainbows for All  
5 Children, an organization dedicated to helping children  
6 struggling with divorce or the death of a parent; over the  
7 course of the past 30 years it has grown into a worldwide  
8 movement; and

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WHEREAS, Founded in 1983, Rainbows for All Children, with  
10 the aid of parent volunteers, launched weekend retreats for  
11 grieving youths through Suzy Marta's church and the Chicago  
12 Archdiocese drawing more than 800 children in the first 3  
13 years; Suzy Marta named the program after rainbows to reflect  
14 the promise of life after one comes through the storm of hurt  
15 and grief; and

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WHEREAS, Rainbows for All Children is now in all 50 states  
17 and 18 countries and has helped more than 2.7 million children  
18 since its inception; and

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WHEREAS, Silver Linings, a crisis response program, was  
20 designed by Suzy Marta and other Rainbows for All Children  
21 staff to be used after a community or large-scale disaster;

1 over 600 copies were distributed after the terrorist attacks of  
2 9/11 and thousands after Hurricane Katrina; they were even  
3 translated into Japanese and used after the tsunami; and

4 WHEREAS, Suzy Marta is survived by her son, Tim Yehl; her  
5 husband, Martin; her children, Michael Yehl, Thomas (Donna)  
6 Yehl, Timothy (Katherine) Yehl, Peter (Nihal) Marta, David  
7 Marta, and Kathryn Marta; and her 8 grandchildren; therefore,  
8 be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL  
10 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, That we mourn the passing of  
11 Suzy Marta, and we extend our sincere condolences to her  
12 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it  
13 further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
15 presented to the family of Suzy Marta as an expression of our  
16 deepest sympathy.